

## Christmas, 2018

*Dear Friends,*

*Amid all the preparations for Christmas, let us not forget to thank our loving God for His great act of humility and love in becoming one of us, being born in the lowly stable in Bethlehem. As we decorate our homes, we remember the Lord had no place to lay His Head and we thank Him for leaving the glories of Heaven to live among us, to grow up, earn His living and sacrifice His life for us.*

*Since our last Newsletter, our main interest was centred around 15<sup>th</sup> August. As well as celebrating Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven, we also celebrated the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*of the birth of our Mother Foundress, the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier.*

*In Sechura, Peru, this event was celebrated with a novena of festivities, with cultural*



*events, with bands and fireworks and processions through the streets of Sechura, with Rosaries, with dancing and singing and with poetry portraying parts of her life. Each day at 6 pm all present were served drinks and sandwiches. On the Feast itself Holy Mass was celebrated in the afternoon, served by FIFTEEN altar boys. Many people stayed on for Adoration and in the evening a cake, given by the First*



*Communion children, was cut and shared, as they sang Happy Birthday to Mother Foundress. There were flowers in abundance and more dancing and singing, for the families of Sechura have great love and devotion to our Mother Foundress. Our main celebrations were in France, with the official Opening of 'Maison Garnier',*



the house where our Mother Foundress was born. For this special event, most of our Prioresses were present, although our own Mother Prioress stayed at home with us. There were many people present at the Holy Mass which was celebrated in the square in front of the house. Then the mayor presented our Very Reverend Mother General with the keys and our Reverend Mother Assistant with a large beribboned pair of scissors. The door was unlocked to applause after which there was a short procession to the castle where Marie Adele was baptised. Some decades of the Rosary were prayed and hymns to Our Lady and Marie Adele were sung. Then followed a tour of the house. There is much work still to be done, but the chapel is complete and it is very beautiful. Refreshments were served in the square and all present were very happy and filled with spiritual joy.

### **A SPECIAL OCCASION**

The day after the opening of Maison Garnier was very special. Before Mass in the lovely little chapel, in the presence of the Sisters and a few friends, two priests from Colombia were received by Mother General as Postulants, the beginnings of a new Congregation, **THE TYBURN MONKS**.

About 5 years ago these two good priests had both felt a calling to reach beyond their busy pastoral ministry. They made a novena to seek the Lord's guidance - they felt drawn to the Order of St. Benedict, to Eucharistic Adoration, and to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This very much describes our



Charism, but the priests did not know us then. They decided to search the internet to see if there was any Congregation which followed the way of life they were seeking. They turned on the computer and there before them was a full-screen picture of our Mother Foundress! They contacted our Superior General who had no thoughts of a male branch, but the priests were convinced that God was calling them to be Tyburn Monks.

It took over four years of discernment during which time a document in Mother Foundress' writing was found in the archives in which Mother had detailed her idea of the Monks of the Sacred Heart. Now convinced that this was the will of Mother Foundress and of God Himself, the beginning was made. The two priests, Rev. Fathers Hector and Manuel received their medals of the Sacred Heart and began their Formation as Tyburn Monks. They will learn our Charism from our Congregation and also receive formation from another male monastery. There were many inquiries after the news of the Tyburn Monks was published in newspapers all over the world.

Also in August was the Pope's visit to Ireland for the meeting of families. Three Sisters from the Cobh community had permission to travel to Dublin on the Sunday for the closing Mass. They left St. Benedict's Priory at 4.30 am in the pouring rain to walk to the departure point to travel with the parish on their coach. They

arrived at Dublin at 9 am, and this, being Ireland, it was still raining so they stayed on the bus, since the Mass was not due to begin until 3 pm. At 11 am the rain stopped so they set out on the 1 ½ hour walk to the venue. Before the Mass there was choir practice (200,000 voices) followed by entertainment by various singers. There was intermittent rain but the sun shone during the Eucharistic Prayer. Altar servers carried large bowls of burning incense through the crowds and at the time for Holy Communion a procession of priests spread among the people, each one accompanied by an acolyte and an umbrella bearer. The walk back to the bus took 2 hours 40 minutes and they arrived home in the early hours of Monday morning. The Sisters who stayed back at the monastery were loaned a T.V. with permission to watch the Papal events. It was set up for them, but when they turned it on there was no reception. Not knowing what to do, they called the electrician who turned up the volume and all was well! (We do not normally have T.V.)

### MILESTONES

Tyburn Convent has a new postulant. There were First Professions at Tyburn, Rome, Ecuador and Cobh. In Sechura there are two new postulants.

Mother M. Adelina made her Monastic Profession in October and Mother M. Carmen celebrated her Silver Jubilee in November.

Our newest Oblate, Sr. Luke, made her private Vows of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience

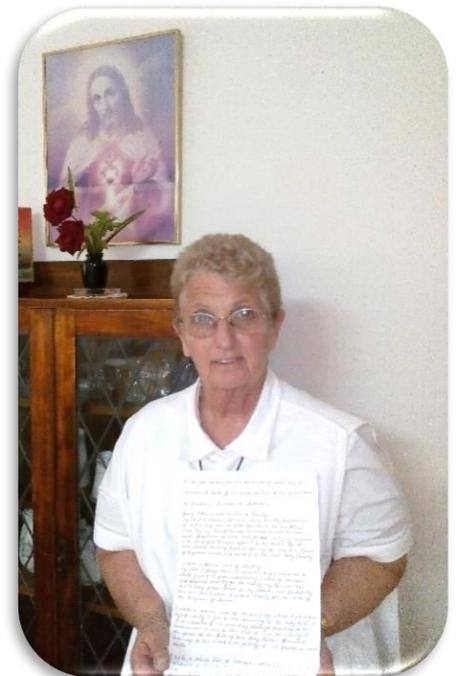
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Priory, during a private Holy Mass celebrated by our faithful Chaplain, Rev. Father John Rizzo. Sr. Luke is looking after the guest house and she also helps us in many ways. A good friend has done wonderful work in the shrine garden and Mark, our handyman, keeps everything tidy. We are deeply grateful to all our friends who support us.

One of our Sisters has written an account of the association of our Congregation with Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. If you would like to have a copy of it, we can pass one on to you.

We are most grateful for any assistance you are able to give us in support of our Missions and Foundations in countries old and new as we follow the Lord's instructions to

*"Go, spread the Gospel to all the nations".*



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whether your donation is for "the  
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*We take this opportunity to wish all our friends and benefactors a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year. We keep your needs and intentions in our daily prayers and our Midnight Mass will be offered for all your intentions.*

*With our love in the Heart of Jesus and His  
Mother, Mary,*

*The Tyburn Nuns*

*"It is consoling to hear that Jesus Christ, the Son  
of God, is to be born. If Jesus justifies, who can  
condemn? If Christ heals, who can wound? If  
the Son of God exalts, who shall cast us down?"  
From a sermon of St. Bernard*



*Our dear Rev. Mother M. Cyril shortly  
after her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!*



*Our Community &  
Lizzie*

